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FOLLOWING NOTE IN FRENCH JUST RECEIVED FROM MFA. THIS IS
OUR TRANSLATION. QUOTE:

THE MINISTRY PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO EMBASSY AND REFERRING
TO ITS NOTE 507 DATED JUNE 30, 1975 HAS THE HONOR TO BRING TO
ITS ATTENTION THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

1. SINCE UAE ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE EMBASSY, COOPER-
ATED WITH THE DAO AND USAID, PARA-MILITARY ORGANIZATION,
WHICH HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR OF AGGRESSION
AGAINST LAOS, IT IS WITHOUT DISCUSSION THAT THE ACTIVITIES
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OF UAE CONSTITUTE IN THEMSELVES A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL

LAW AND OF THE LAW OF OUR COUNTRY. THE EXISTENCE OF FORMAL CONTRACTS ONLY SERVE THE PROMOTION NEO-COLONIALISM TO CAMOUFLAGE THE REAL FACTS OF ITS INTERFERENCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN VIEW OF THE REDUCED NUMBER OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN GENERAL IN LAOS, INCLUDING THE EMBASSY AND THE DISSOLUTION OF USAID, IT IS UNREASONABLE TO MAINTAIN AT PRESENT THE SAME ACTIVITIES OF UAE AS WERE CARRIED OUT PREVIOUSLY. CONSEQUENTLY, UAE ALSO MUST BE DISSOLVED AT THE SAME TIME AS USAID. THIS IS THE JUST, LOGICAL AND REASONABLE REQUIREMENT OF THE PROTESTORS WHICH MERITS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BY THE PGNU IF ONE REALLY WISHES TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

2. FOLLOWING THE DISSOLUTION OF UAE THE MATERIALS ORDERED BY IT AND STOCKED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPOUND FOR THE SERVICE OF USAID WILL HAVE TO BE TURNED OVER TO THE LAO GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT OF MAY 27, 1975 SIGNED BETWEEN OUR TWO PARTIES.

3. AS FOR THE GROUND OCCUPIED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND SILVER CITY ON WHICH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HAS PROCLAIMED ITS SOVEREIGNTY, THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE LAO GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.

4. CONCERNING USIS, MFA WILL EXPLAIN TO THE PROTESTERS IN ORDER TO EVACUATE THEM FROM THE GROUNDS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ASSURANCES GIVEN BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY THAT IT WILL NOT CARRY OUT PROPAGANDA WHICH CAN DISTURB THE TRANQUILITY OF THE COUNTRY AND HARM OUR NATIONAL CULTURE.

THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ABUSED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY DO NOT JUSTIFY ITS CLAIM ("REVENDEICATION") IN LAOS OF TODAY AND THIS IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE CONVENTION OF VIENNA. HENCEFORTH, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WILL HAVE TO INFORM THE LAO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY OF ALL PROPERTIES WHICH IT HOLDS LEGALLY.

CONCERNING THE DETAILS RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER, THE PARTY OF THE LAO GOVERNMENT IS READY TO DISCUSS WITH THE PARTY OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL CONCESSION AND UNDERSTANDING.

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COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE UNQUOTE.

COMMENT: HOWEVER INFURIATING THIS NOTE, COUNTRY TEAM BELIEVES WE SHOULD PROBE PGNU'S TRUE INTENTIONS FURTHER. THIS ANSWER FALLS UNDER CATEGORY B OF FORESEEN IN REFTL. USIS HAS JUST BEEN RETURNED TO EMBASSY CONTROL, WE ARE ALL LEAVING FOR OUR RECEPTION. HAPPY FOURTH ***
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